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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1086
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Nathan Rowe Alderson,
2002 Valedictorian of Columbia Central High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Rowe Alderson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Columbia Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Mr. Alderson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, during his four years at Columbia Central High School, Nathan Rowe Alderson has been a valuable and active member of many programs and clubs, including

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participating in the Marching and Concert Bands, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Mock Trial Team, and the FCA; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded leader among his peers, Mr. Alderson has served as Section Leader of the Marching and Concert Bands, the Managing Editor of the Roaring Lion Newspaper, and the Website Editor for the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary work ethic and commitment to learning have earned him numerous awards and honors, including the National Merit Commended Scholar, participation in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences for Engineering Specialty, the student body's "Most Intellectual," the Food Lion Achievement Award, 1st Place in Math and Physics category for 2001 School Science Fair, 2nd Place for Math and Physics category for 2001 Maury County Science Fair, 3rd Place for Math and Physics category for 2000 School Science Fair, and Student of the Month, as well as numerous superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festivals for the Trumpet, the French Horn, and the Piano; he has also been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious member of his community, Nathan Rowe Alderson has generously volunteered with Habit for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alderson is a devout member of the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, where he faithfully serves as a member of the Youth Group and Youth Choir; he served with distinction as the Language Team leader for the Summer 2000 Venezuela Mission Trip; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Columbia Central High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Rowe Alderson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John and Charlotte Alderson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alderson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Columbia Central High School Valedictorian, Nathan Rowe Alderson, on his impressive academic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.